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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6478

BILL NUMBER: HB 1060

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 11, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Feb 11, 2008

SUBJECT: Great Lakes Compact.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pelath

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Gard

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill implements the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The estimated annual fiscal impact of implementing a permit system in the Great Lakes Basin under the proposed Compact with four full-time staff is \$247,763. Any impact to the state would occur after legislation is passed by all states in the compact and upon approval by the U.S. Congress. States involved include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is anticipated that existing office space in Indianapolis, Michigan City, Columbia City could be used.

Position	Base	Fringe (34%)	Total
Hydraulic Engineer II	\$44,642	\$15,178	\$59,820
Engineering Geologist II	\$37,076	\$12,605	\$49,681
Env. Scientist III (x2)	\$67,808	\$23,054	\$90,862
Additional Costs			
Fuel	Annual		\$3,000
Computers	4 @ \$1,100		\$4,400
Misc.	(office supplies, uniforms, travel, phones, etc.)		\$30,000
Regional Meetings and support			\$10,000
Estimated first-year impact			\$247,763

The DNR reverted \$1.3 M in state General Fund revenue in FY 2007.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR

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